

THE WEATHER.

First ice of the season last Sunday night. The thermometer dived from 71 to 23 in about 12 hours. Settling back to nice, bright sunshiny days again.

THOMPSON ITEMS

Mrs. Thomas Dead—Pie Supper at Payne—Personals

Thompson, Mo., Nov. 17.—Another case of diphtheria in the neighborhood. J. W. Wray's 13 year old son has it now. His little daughter had it three weeks ago. Daniel school is still closed on account of the danger of the disease.

There was a farmers' meeting Monday night at Hurdle school house.

Miss May Brown and nephew, Louis Brown, of Stoddard Co., returned home Sunday after a three months' visit with their sisters and other relatives of this vicinity.

Mr. Blair sold five head of calves to John F. Baker at \$37 per head. E. M. Morris sold to the same party three head for \$100. He also bought one Black Pole calf for \$60.

Miss Martha Pool was shopping in Mexico Saturday. Edgar Sims and wife entertained the young folks with a party Thursday night. All report a fine time. The pie supper at Payne Saturday night was well attended. The pies sold well, Miss Simpson, the teacher, prepared a short program which was very nice. William Smith was auctioneer. Miss Hattie Jewell Vance received the cake as the most popular lady. Leota Nevins visited Mary Alice Dempsey a few days the past week. W. H. Blythe entertained on Sunday John Smoot and family, Vernon Smith and family and E. M. Morris and family. Mrs. J. F. Davis visited L. E. Davis and wife the last part of the past week.

Mrs. Lottie Thomas, wife of John Thomas of Louisiana, died at that place Nov. 11. She had been in failing health for about one year. Her remains were brought back and laid at rest in Salt River cemetery, southwest of Thompson, Nov. 13th, it being her 19th wedding anniversary. Bro. Pasley of Columbia preached the funeral. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers. She leaves a father, Mr. Jesse Carter, a husband, three sisters and one brother and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death. The entire community extends sympathy to the bereaved ones.

W. H. Blythe sold Henry Vance four head of cattle.

Thos. Brenton and family attended his Aunt Eliza Powell's funeral Saturday.

MR. FRIAR HONORED

Mrs. J. J. Hickman, near Mexico, has a son, A. E. Friar, who is a railroad engineer at Des Moines, Iowa. The railroad has bestowed high honor upon him for saving "the life of a young boy." One of the officials of the railroad, referring to Mr. Friar's action, writes as follows: "A man who can think and act so quickly in an extreme emergency of this kind is certainly worthy of commendation and I am glad we have such a man in our employ."

Mr. Friar was raised near Laddonia, this county.

Mrs. T. E. Hook is visiting her daughter, Miss Willie Hook, and her brother, Dr. J. W. Cox, at Johnson City, East Tennessee. A number of years ago Dr. Cox was a practicing physician at Laddonia, this county.

Geo. Kabrich writes the Message from Jacksonville, Fla., where he expects to spend the winter. He is well. Says the weather is hot down there—the mercury stands 75 to 85 every day.

THE ELECTRIC R. R.

Negotiations on to Sell The Line to the Houcks

We are informed that negotiations are pending for the sale of the electric railroad to the Houck Interests, the owners of the road from Shelby to Shelbyville, thence north about 20 miles, to Novelty, in Knox county.

The idea of the Houcks is to connect the two lines by extending the electric line northwest from Molino thru Paris to Shelbyville, a distance of about 25 miles. This would give them a thru line from Mexico to all parts of Northeast Missouri.

If the Houcks acquire the line it is thought that they will take up the south end of the line and use the material for the extension to Paris and abandon the line to Santa Fe and Perry.

The elder Houck made an immense fortune in railroad building in Southeast Missouri, and recently his two sons acquired the Shelby county road and have already extended it about 20 miles north, and are still building. It is believed that they are planning a large system in Northeast Missouri.

BEAVER DAM

Weather a little cool. Will soon be hog killing times.

Most all in this vicinity are thru gathering corn and are plowing for corn next year. Mrs. J. N. Waugh is visiting friends in Southeast Missouri. Mr. Summerville had some fodder shredded last week. J. N. Waugh has 80 acres of ground broken for corn next year.

Protracted meeting going on at Beaver Dam at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dieus and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sims are visiting relatives at Bunston, Mo.

E. H. Dieus has 40 head of heifers on feed, which he expects to market the middle of December.

W. D. Willingham and wife of Mexico are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Against Women's Rights

Laddonia, Mo., Nov. 16.—I noticed in the Message that J. W. Peck is against "Women Suffrage" and his wife views the matter as he does. We do not need to lose them, or to have them ever change their minds. If women of today were what they ought to be and would realize that to be a woman meant to be on the right side of all moral questions we would be glad to commit the welfare of the nation to their keeping. But, alas, how far they have fallen from the heights of modesty and purity which should characterize the mothers of our great America. And we do not know to what extent sin in all of its forms would be carried if they were encouraged to an unlimited privilege. When we have come to the point where our mothers and sisters are overstepping the bounds of true womanly rights and are venturing too far into the realm of "masculine privileges" we are in a most lamentable condition as a Nation.

A Subscriber.

MRS. POWELL DEAD

Mrs. Rachel D. Powell, 77 years old, wife of the late T. J. Powell, died at her home near Powell's Ford early last Friday morning. She was a native of Nicholas county, Ky. She came to this county when quite young and lived here most of her life. She, with her husband, was a charter member of Rising Sun Christian church, north of Mexico. The following children survive her: M. N. Powell, J. P. Powell, Mrs. Milford Berry and Miss Minnie June Powell. Her husband died October 9th, last year. She was a grand, good woman, and the community will miss her.

Sermon to men only by Evangelist P. G. Elson of North Carolina, at Long Branch Baptist church next Sunday, November 22nd, at 11 a. m. Subject: "Your Chickens Will Come Home to Roost." All men invited. This is one of the Evangelists strongest sermons and has drawn large crowds in other places.

Mrs. J. T. Johnson has been very ill for a week of malarial fever.

Miss Daisy James, of the Farber Forum, called on the Message Monday.

J. J. Wakefield of near this city, member of the State Board of Agriculture, is home from Sedalia where he helped check up the accounts for the State Fair this year. The Fair came out \$4500 ahead this year; last year there was a deficit of \$7,000. The Missouri State Fair is coming to the front all right.

"The Call of the Cumberland" will be the next continued story to be run in the Message. First chapter next week. Don't fail to get it.

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H. P. Holterman of Martinsburg, who recently married Miss Mayme S. Davis, has moved to our city. Has bought Lee Bros. blacksmith shop. We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Holterman to Mexico.

Rupture Expert Here

Seeley, Who Fitted Czar of Russia, Called to Mexico.

F. H. Seeley of Chicago and Philadelphia, the truss expert, will be at the Ringo Hotel and will remain in Mexico this Tuesday only, Nov. 24th. Mr. Seeley says, "The Spermatheca Shield as furnished and supplied to the United States Government will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, affording immediate and complete relief, but close the opening in 10 days on the average case. This instrument received the only award in England and Spain, producing results without surgery, harmful injections, medical treatments or prescriptions. Mr. Seeley has documents from the United States Gov't, Washington, D.C., for inspection. (Don't wear a truss where the lump is, but place it where the opening is—its different—call and be shown.) All charity cases without charge or fit them if desired. Anyone ruptured should remember the date and take advantage of this opportunity.

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FARM AND LIVE STOCK.

Fennewald Bros., near Martinsburg, marketed a five-car string of beeves in St. Louis last Friday that sold at \$10.50, the top price.

Blackleg has broken out among cattle in different sections of the State. Burn the carcasses thoroughly to destroy the infection and prevent the spread of the disease.

John Ellis, near Molino, is selling 1,000 bushels of wheat. He gets a dollar per for it. Three months ago he could not have done so well. It is well often not to hurry to market.

S. P. Carter marketed two ears of fat cattle in Chicago this week. They brought him \$10 per hundred pounds.

An examination of the corn fields in Audrain county verifies the truth of the message from the State Board of Agriculture that this is the year for early gathering of corn. The corn conditions suggest to the Message that corn that stays late in the field this year will be damaged worse than usual as it will fall down and blow down worse, because the corn roots are shallower this year and the stalks generally weaker. Corn in the field is like money loaned to poor paymasters. Corn in the crib is like money in the bank!

WANT ITEMS.

For Sale—Brown Leghorn pullets. Mrs. Bessie Campbell, Molino, Mo. R. F. D. No. 2.

STURGEON SPEAKS OUT

Wellsville, Mo., Nov. 16, 1914. Editor Message:—In giving the official vote of the county your valuable paper fails to give the vote for the Prohibition and Progressive candidates.

It may be they were considered of no importance. Now we were more concerned as to them than we were about the ones you give and we feel we were entitled to that part of the news as soon as it was available. Hundreds, yes, a majority of the voters of the county are against the whiskey interests; against the Shylocks and crooked interests, and spend much of their time during 364 days of the year talking and working against them. Then for a few miserable reasons thus resolve themselves into a molly-coddle and on election day go and vote for such men as W. J. Stone, or their cohorts and such men as Otto Steifel, Adolphus Busch, D. R. Francis, or some of that class, knowing at the time it is contrary to their convictions of right and justice. Why work for county unit and for any restraint of the whiskey traffic and then vote for a party that is against you?

Why denounce usury and graft and then vote to sustain it? Such conduct is greater nonsense than to buy powder and then fire your gun in the air. One thousand such votes is not worth as much as one vote that is cast for what is believed to be right.

The man that voted the Prohibition ticket voted for what he believed to be right and his vote counted one. A vote for the Progressive ticket showed there was one man willing to stand alone if necessary every day in the year for good government.

Few or many we feel we were entitled to an early report.

Respt.,
H. H. Sturgeon.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah A. Tratchell was held at the Christian church at Benton City yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. A. Dameron of Centralia. Mrs. Tratchell was a fine Christian character. The world was made better for her having lived in it. Many friends in Benton City community mourn her passing away.